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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of _____

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Pine Flat 230kV Tap Vegetation Removal Work 2026 (OM-SJFD-2026-001)

Project Location - Specific:

Pine Flat 230kV Transmission Line. Coordinates: 36°49'45.11"N, 119°19'46.43"W.
Cross Streets: E Trimmer Springs Road and N Elwood Road

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR and Contractor will remove vegetation within the 230k Tap line right-of-way at Pine Flat Lake. The vegetation work comprises of various Blue Oak trees to be felled in place by contractors with chain saws. The stumps will be treated with herbicide by hand sprayer. Trimmings will be fed into chippers and spread across the ground on site. Equipment will be staged in the immediate area on existing disturbed area and roadway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: **(check one)**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sara Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Sara Lowry Date: 9/2/2026 Title: Manager, Regulatory Compliance Section

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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